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# Spherical functions on $U(2n)/(U(n) \times U(n))$ and hermitian Siegel series

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## §0 Introduction

For each nondegenerate hermitian matrix  $T$  of size  $n$  with respect to an unramified quadratic extension  $k'/k$  of non-archimedean local fields of characteristic 0, we consider the space  $X_T$  which is equivalent to  $U(2n)/(U(n) \times U(n))$  over the algebraic closure of  $k$  and study spherical functions on  $X_T$ .

In §1, we construct  $X_T$  which is an homogeneous space of  $G = U(H_n)$  with stabilizer isomorphic to  $U(T) \times U(T)$  over  $k'$ , and define the spherical function  $\omega_T(x; z)$  on  $X_T$  ( $x \in X_T$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ), which means that  $\omega_T(x; z)$  is  $K$ -invariant and a common eigenfunction for the action of the Hecke algebra  $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$ ,  $K$  being the maximal compact subgroup of  $G$ . By a general theory,  $\omega_T(x; z)$  is continued to a rational function on  $q^{z_1}, \dots, q^{z_n}$ , where  $q$  is the cardinality of the residue class field of  $k$ .

The Weyl group  $W$  of  $G$  acts on  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$  via rational characters of the Borel group of  $G$ , and we show functional equations with respect to  $W$  and locations of possible poles and zeros of  $\omega_T(x; z)$  by giving an explicit rational function  $G(z)$  of  $q^{z_1}, \dots, q^{z_n}$  for which  $G(z) \cdot \omega_T(x; z)$  is holomorphic in  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and  $W$ -invariant, in §2.

Using the functional equations, we give an explicit expression of  $\omega_T(x; z)$  at many points in  $X_T$  in §3, define the spherical Fourier transform on the Schwartz space  $\mathcal{S}(K \backslash X_T)$  and show the image is a free  $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$ -module of rank  $2^{n-1}$  in §4. In §5, as an application, we consider hermitian Siegel series  $b_\pi(T; t)$  and prove their functional equations by use of results in §2.

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## §1 Spaces $\mathfrak{X}_T$ and $X_T$ , and spherical functions $\omega_T(x; s)$

Let  $k'/k$  be an unramified quadratic extension of  $p$ -adic fields with involution  $*$ , and for each  $A = (a_{ij}) \in M_{mn}(k')$ , we denote by  $A^*$  the matrix  $(a_{ji}^*) \in M_{nm}(k')$ . We fix a unit  $\epsilon \in \mathcal{O}_k^\times$  such that  $k' = k(\sqrt{\epsilon})$  and  $\epsilon - 1 \in 4\mathcal{O}_k^\times$  (cf. [Om], 63.3 and 63.4), and set

$$\xi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{\epsilon}}{2}. \quad (1.1)$$

Then  $\{1, \xi\}$  forms an  $\mathcal{O}_k$ -basis for  $\mathcal{O}_{k'}$ , and  $\{\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_{k'} \mid \alpha^* = -\alpha\} = \sqrt{\epsilon}\mathcal{O}_k$ . We fix a prime element  $\pi$  of  $k$ , and denote by  $v_\pi(\cdot)$  the additive value on  $k$ , by  $||$  the normalized absolute value on  $k^\times$  with  $|\pi|^{-1} = q$  being the cardinality of the residue class field of  $k$ .

We set

$$\mathcal{H}_m = \{A \in M_m(k') \mid A^* = A\}, \quad \mathcal{H}_m^{nd} = \mathcal{H}_m \cap GL_m(k').$$

For  $A \in \mathcal{H}_m$  and  $X \in M_{mn}(k')$ , we write

$$A[X] = X^* \cdot A = X^*AX \in \mathcal{H}_n,$$

and define the unitary group

$$U(A) = \{g \in GL_m(k') \mid A[g] = A\}.$$

In particular we set

$$G = U(H_n) \quad \text{with } H_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1_n \\ 1_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U(m) = U(1_m).$$

For  $T \in \mathcal{H}_n^{nd}$ , we set

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{X}_T &= \{x \in M_{2n,n}(k') \mid H_n[x] = T\} \ni x_T = \begin{pmatrix} \xi T \\ 1_n \end{pmatrix}, \\ X_T &= \mathfrak{X}_T / U(T). \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

The group  $G$  acts on  $\mathfrak{X}_T$ , as well as on  $X_T$ , through left multiplication, which is transitive by Witt's theorem for hermitian matrices (cf. [Sch], Ch.7, §9).

**Lemma 1.1** *The stabilizer  $G_0$  of  $G$  at  $x_T U(T) \in X_T$  is isomorphic to  $U(T) \times U(T)$ :*

$$U(T) \times U(T) \xrightarrow{\sim} G_0, \quad (h_1, h_2) \longmapsto \tilde{T}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} h_1^{*-1} & 0 \\ 0 & h_2^{*-1} \end{pmatrix} \tilde{T},$$

where

$$\tilde{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1_n & \xi^* T \\ 1_n & -\xi T \end{pmatrix} \in GL_{2n}(k').$$

We fix the Borel subgroup  $B$  of  $G$  as

$$B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} b & 0 \\ 0 & b^{*-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1_n & a \\ 0 & 1_n \end{pmatrix} \mid \begin{array}{l} b \text{ is upper triangular of size } n, \\ a + a^* = 0 \end{array} \right\}. \quad (1.3)$$

For each element  $x \in \mathfrak{X}_T$ , we denote by  $x_2$  the lower half  $n$  by  $n$  block of  $x$ . We define relative  $B$ -invariants on  $\mathfrak{X}_T$  by

$$f_{T,i}(x) = d_i(x_2 \cdot T^{-1}) = d_i(x_2 T^{-1} x_2^*), \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \quad (1.4)$$

where  $d_i(y)$  is the determinant of the upper left  $i$  by  $i$  block of a matrix  $y$ . It is easy to see, for  $b \in B$ ,

$$f_{T,i}(bx) = \psi_i(b) f_{T,i}(x), \quad \psi_i(b) = \prod_{j=1}^i N(b_j)^{-1}, \quad (1.5)$$

where  $b_j$  is the  $j$ -th diagonal component of  $b$  and  $N = N_{k'/k}$ . Hence  $f_{T,i}(x)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  are relative  $B$ -invariants on  $\mathfrak{X}_T$  associated with the rational characters  $\psi_i$  of  $B$ , and we may regard them as relative  $B$ -invariants on  $X_T$ , since  $f_{T,i}(xh) = f_{T,i}(x)$  for any  $h \in U(T)$ . We set

$$\mathfrak{X}_T^{\text{op}} = \{x \in X_T \mid f_{T,i}(x) \neq 0, 1 \leq i \leq n\}, \quad X_T^{\text{op}} = \mathfrak{X}_T^{\text{op}}/U(T). \quad (1.6)$$

**Remark 1.2** Though we may realize above objects as the sets of  $k$ -rational points of algebraic sets defined over  $k$  and develop the arguments, we take down to earth way for simplicity of notations. We only note here that  $X_T^{\text{op}}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{X}_T^{\text{op}}$ ) becomes a Zariski open  $B$ -orbit in  $X_T$  (resp.  $B \times U(T)$ -orbit in  $\mathfrak{X}_T^{\text{op}}$ ) over the algebraic closure of  $k$ .

We introduce a spherical function  $\omega_T(x; s)$  on  $\mathfrak{X}_T$  as well as on  $X_T = \mathfrak{X}_T/U(T)$ . For  $x \in \mathfrak{X}_T$  and  $s \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , set

$$\omega_T(x; s) = \omega_T^{(n)}(x; s) = \int_K |f_T(kx)|^{s+\varepsilon} dk, \quad (1.7)$$

where  $K = G \cap GL_{2n}(\mathcal{O}_{k'})$ ,  $dk$  is the normalized Haar measure on  $K$  and  $k$  runs over the set  $\{k \in K \mid kx \in \mathfrak{X}_T^{\text{op}}\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &= \varepsilon_0 + \left( \frac{\pi\sqrt{-1}}{\log q}, \dots, \frac{\pi\sqrt{-1}}{\log q} \right), \quad \varepsilon_0 = (-1, \dots, -1, -\frac{1}{2}) \in \mathbb{C}^n, \\ |f_T(x)|^s &= \prod_{i=1}^n |f_{T,i}(x)|^{s_i}. \end{aligned}$$

The right hand side of (1.7) is absolutely convergent if  $\text{Re}(s_i) \geq 1$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ , and  $\text{Re}(s_n) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ , and continued to a rational function of  $q^{s_1}, \dots, q^{s_n}$ . We note here that

$$|\psi(p)|^{\varepsilon_0} \left( = \prod_{i=1}^n |\psi_i(p)|^{\varepsilon_{0,i}} \right) = \delta^{\frac{1}{2}}(p),$$

where  $\delta$  is the modulus character on  $B$  (i.e.,  $d(pp') = \delta(p')^{-1}d(p)$ ).

We denote by  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(K \backslash X_T)$  the space of left  $K$ -invariant functions on  $X_T$ , which can be identified with the space  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(K \backslash \mathfrak{X}_T / U(T))$  of left  $K$ -invariant right  $U(T)$ -invariant functions on  $\mathfrak{X}_T$ . The function  $\omega_T(x; z)$  can be regarded as a function in  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(K \backslash X_T)$  and becomes a common eigenfunction for the action of the Hecke algebra  $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$  (cf. [H2] §1, or [H4] §1). In detail, the Hecke algebra  $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$  is the commutative  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra consisting of compactly supported two-sided  $K$ -invariant functions on  $G$ , acting on  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(K \backslash X_T)$  by the convolution product

$$(\phi * \Psi)(x) = \int_G \phi(g) \Psi(g^{-1}x) dg, \quad (\phi \in \mathcal{H}(G, K), \Psi \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(K \backslash X_T)), \quad (1.8)$$

and we see

$$(\phi * \omega_T(\cdot; s))(x) = \lambda_s(\phi) \omega_T(x; s), \quad (\phi \in \mathcal{H}(G, K)) \quad (1.9)$$

where  $\lambda_s$  is the  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra homomorphism defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_s : \mathcal{H}(G, K) &\longrightarrow \mathbb{C}(q^{s_1}, \dots, q^{s_n}), \\ \phi &\longmapsto \int_B \phi(p) |\psi(p)|^{-s+\varepsilon} dp, \quad (|\psi(p)|^{-s+\varepsilon} = |\psi(p)|^{-s+\varepsilon_0}), \end{aligned}$$

with  $dp$  being the left invariant measure on  $B$  normalized by  $\int_{K \cap B} dp = 1$ .

We introduce a new variable  $z$  which is related to  $s$  by

$$s_i = -z_i + z_{i+1} \quad (1 \leq i \leq n-1), \quad s_n = -z_n \quad (1.10)$$

and write  $\omega_T(x; z) = \omega_T(x; s)$ . The Weyl group  $W$  of  $G$  relative to the maximal  $k$ -split torus in  $B$  acts on rational characters of  $B$  as usual (i.e.,  $\sigma(\psi)(b) = \psi(n_\sigma^{-1} b n_\sigma)$  by taking a representative  $n_\sigma$  of  $\sigma$ ), so  $W$  acts on  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and on  $s \in \mathbb{C}^n$  as well. We will determine the functional equations of  $\omega_T(x; s)$  with respect to this Weyl group action. The group  $W$  is isomorphic to  $S_n \ltimes C_2^n$ ,  $S_n$  acts on  $z$  by permutation of indices, and  $W$  is generated by  $S_n$  and  $\tau : (z_1, \dots, z_n) \longmapsto (z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}, -z_n)$ . Keeping the relation (1.10), we also write  $\lambda_z(\phi) = \lambda_s(\phi)$ ; then  $\lambda_z$  gives a  $\mathbb{C}$ -algebra isomorphism (Satake isomorphism)

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_z : \mathcal{H}(G, K) &\xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}[q^{\pm 2z_1}, \dots, q^{\pm 2z_n}]^W, \\ \phi &\longmapsto \int_B \phi(p) \prod_{i=1}^n |N(p_i)|^{-z_i} \delta^{\frac{1}{2}}(p) dp, \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

where  $p_i$  is the  $i$ -th diagonal component of  $p \in B$ .

**Proposition 1.3** *Set  $\mathcal{U} = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{n-1}$  and*

$$\tilde{u} = (u_1 \frac{\pi\sqrt{-1}}{\log q}, \dots, u_{n-1} \frac{\pi\sqrt{-1}}{\log q}, 0) \in \mathbb{C}^n, \quad u = (u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}) \in \mathcal{U}.$$

*Then  $\omega_T(x; z + \tilde{u})$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{U}$ , are linearly independent for generic  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$  and correspond to the same eigenvalue through  $\lambda_z : \mathcal{H}(G, K) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .*

*Proof.* The set  $\mathfrak{X}_T^{\text{op}}$  is decomposed into the disjoint union of  $B$ -orbits as follows:

$$\mathfrak{X}_T^{\text{op}} = \bigsqcup_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \mathfrak{X}_{T,u},$$

$$\mathfrak{X}_{T,u} = \{x \in \mathfrak{X}_T^{\text{op}} \mid v_\pi(f_{T,i}(x)) \equiv u_1 + \cdots + u_i \pmod{2}, 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}.$$

We consider finer spherical functions

$$\omega_{T,u}(x; s) = \int_K |f_T(kx)|_u^{s+\varepsilon} dk, \quad |f_T(y)|_u^{s+\varepsilon} = \begin{cases} |f_T(y)|^{s+\varepsilon} & \text{if } y \in \mathfrak{X}_{T,u} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (1.12)$$

then  $\{\omega_{T,u}(x; s) \mid u \in \mathcal{U}\}$  are linearly independent for generic  $s$  associated with the same  $\lambda_s$ . For each character  $\chi$  of  $\mathcal{U}$ , we have

$$\sum_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \chi(u) \omega_{T,u}(x; s) = \omega_T(x; s + \tilde{v}),$$

for some  $v \in \mathcal{U}$ , and the result follows from this. ■

We note here the relation between  $\omega_T(x; s)$  and  $\omega_{T'}(y; s)$  when  $T$  and  $T'$  are equivalent under the action of  $GL_n(k')$ , which is easy to see.

**Proposition 1.4** *For  $T \in \mathcal{H}_n^{\text{nd}}$  and  $h \in GL_n(k')$ , we set  $T' = T[h] (= h^*Th)$ . Then*

$$\mathfrak{X}_{T'} = (\mathfrak{X}_T)h, \quad X_{T'} = \mathfrak{X}_T h / U(T') \quad \text{and} \quad f_{T',i}(xh) = f_{T,i}(x) \quad (x \in \mathfrak{X}_T),$$

and

$$\omega_{T'}(xh; s) = \omega_T(x; s), \quad (x \in \mathfrak{X}_T).$$

By use of some results on spherical functions on the space  $\mathcal{H}_n^{\text{nd}}$  of hermitian forms, we obtain the following.

**Theorem 1.5** *For any  $T \in \mathcal{H}_n^{\text{nd}}$ , the function*

$$\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{q^{z_j} + q^{z_i}}{q^{z_j} - q^{z_i-1}} \times \omega_T(x; z)$$

*is holomorphic for any  $z$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $S_n$ -invariant. In particular it is an element in  $\mathbb{C}[q^{\pm z_1}, \dots, q^{\pm z_n}]^{S_n}$ .*

*Outline of a proof.* By the embedding

$$K_0 = GL_n(\mathcal{O}_{k'}) \longrightarrow K, \quad h \longmapsto \tilde{h} = \begin{pmatrix} h^{*-1} & 0 \\ 0 & h \end{pmatrix},$$

we obtain

$$\omega_T(x; z) = \int_{K_0} dh \int_K |f_T(\tilde{h}kx)|^{s+\varepsilon} dk = \int_K \zeta^{(n)}(D(kx); s) dk.$$

Here  $D(kx) = (kx)_2 \cdot T^{-1} \in \mathcal{H}_n$ ,  $\zeta^{(n)}(y; s)$  is a spherical function on  $\mathcal{H}_n^{nd}$  defined by

$$\zeta^{(n)}(y; s) = \int_{K_0} \prod_{i=1}^n |d_i(h \cdot y)|^{s_i + \varepsilon_i} dh, \quad (h \cdot y = hyh^*),$$

and we have already known (cf. [H1], or [H3]) that

$$\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{q^{z_j} + q^{z_i}}{q^{z_j} - q^{z_i-1}} \times \zeta^{(n)}(y; s) \in \mathbb{C}[q^{\pm z_1}, \dots, q^{\pm z_n}]^{S_n},$$

the result follows from this. ■

**Remark 1.6** For the transposition  $\tau_i = (i \ i+1) \in W$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ , the following functional equation holds by Theorem 1.5

$$\omega_T(x; z) = \frac{1 - q^{z_i - z_{i+1} - 1}}{q^{z_i - z_{i+1}} - q^{-1}} \times \omega_T(x; \tau_i(z)), \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1. \quad (1.13)$$

On the other hand, one may obtain (1.13) directly in the similar way to the case of  $\tau$  in § 2, where the sufficient condition in [H4]-§3 for having a functional equation with respect to  $\tau_i$  is satisfied and the Gamma factor in (1.13) is essentially the same to that of the zeta function of prehomogeneous vector space  $(U \times GL_1(k'), (k')^2)$ , where  $U \cong U(2)$  or  $U\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \pi \end{pmatrix}\right)$ . Then Theorem 1.5 follows from (1.13).

## §2 Functional equations of $\omega_T(x; z)$

We calculate the functional equation for  $\tau \in W$ , and give the functional equations with respect to the whole  $W$ .

### 2.1.

**Theorem 2.1** *For any  $T \in \mathcal{H}_n^{nd}$ , the spherical function satisfies*

$$\omega_T(x; z) = \omega_T(x; \tau(z)),$$

where  $\tau(z_1, \dots, z_n) = (z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}, -z_n)$ .

For  $n = 1$ , we have the following by a direct calculation, where we set  $K_1 = U(H_1) \cap GL_2(\mathcal{O}_{k'})$ .

**Proposition 2.2** (i) *The set*

$$\left\{ x_e = \begin{pmatrix} \pi^e \\ \xi \pi^{t-e} \end{pmatrix} \mid e \in \mathbb{Z}, 2e \leq t \right\}, \quad \left( \xi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{\epsilon}}{2} \right)$$

*forms a set of complete representatives of  $K_1 \backslash \mathfrak{X}_T$  for  $T = \pi^t$ .*

(ii) *For  $x_e \in \mathfrak{X}_T$  with  $T = \pi^t$  as in (i), one has*

$$\omega_T^{(1)}(x_e; s) = \frac{(-1)^t q^{e-\frac{1}{2}t}}{1+q^{-1}} \times \frac{q^{(t-2e+1)s}(1-q^{-2s-1}) - q^{-(t-2e+1)s}(1-q^{2s-1})}{q^s - q^{-s}}.$$

(iii) *For any  $T \in \mathcal{H}_1^{nd}$ ,  $\omega_T^{(1)}(x; s)$  is holomorphic for all  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  and satisfies the functional equation*

$$\omega_T^{(1)}(x; s) = \omega_T^{(1)}(x; -s).$$

Until the end of this subsection we assume  $n \geq 2$ . The parabolic subgroup  $P$  attached to  $\tau$ , in the sense of [Bo] §21.11, is given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} P &= B \cup Bw_\tau B \\ &= \left\{ \left( \begin{array}{c|c} q & \\ \hline a & b \\ \hline c & d \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} q^{*-1} \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c|c} 1_{n-1} & \alpha \\ \hline & 1 \end{array} \middle| \begin{array}{c} 1_{n-1} \\ -\alpha^* \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c|c} 1_n & \begin{smallmatrix} \gamma & \beta \\ -\beta^* & 0 \end{smallmatrix} \\ \hline & 1_n \end{array} \right) \in G \mid \right. \\ &\quad \left. \begin{array}{l} q \text{ is upper triangular in } GL_{n-1}(k'), \\ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in U(1, 1), \alpha, \beta \in M_{n-1,1}(k'), \\ \gamma \in M_{n-1}(k'), \gamma + \gamma^* = 0 \end{array} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

where each empty place in the above expression means zero-entry.

Since it suffices to show Theorem 2.1 for diagonal  $T$ 's (cf. Proposition 1.4), we fix a diagonal  $T \in \mathcal{H}_n^{nd}$  and write  $f_i(x) = f_{T,i}(x)$  for simplicity of notations. We consider the following action of  $\tilde{P} = P \times GL_1$  on  $\tilde{\mathfrak{X}}_T = \mathfrak{X}_T \times V$  with  $V = M_{21}(k')$ :

$$(p, r) \star (x, v) = (px, \rho(p)vr^{-1}), \quad (p, r) \in \tilde{P}, (x, v) \in \tilde{\mathfrak{X}}_T,$$

where  $\rho(p) = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  is given by the decomposition of  $p \in P$  as in (2.1). We define

$$g(x, v) = \det \left[ \left( \begin{array}{c|c} 1_{n-1} & \\ \hline & t_v \end{array} \right) \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ -y \end{pmatrix} \cdot T^{-1} \right], \quad (x, v) \in \tilde{\mathfrak{X}}_T, \quad (2.2)$$

where  $x_2$  is the lower half  $n$  by  $n$  block of  $x$  (the same before) and  $y$  is the  $n$ -th row of  $x$ . Then we have

**Lemma 2.3** (i)  *$g(x, v)$  is a relative  $\tilde{P}$ -invariant on  $\tilde{\mathfrak{X}}_T$  associated with character  $\tilde{\psi}$ :*

$$\tilde{\psi}(p, r) = \psi_{n-1}(p)N(r)^{-1}, \quad (p, r) \in \tilde{P} = P \times GL_1,$$



where  $\psi_{n-1}$  is given in (1.5) and well-defined on  $P$ , and satisfies

$$g(x, v_0) = f_n(x), \quad v_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \in V$$

(ii)  $g(x, v)$  is expressed as

$$g(x, v) = D(x)[v], \quad (2.3)$$

with some hermitian matrix

$$D(x) = \begin{pmatrix} a(x) & \beta(x) \\ \beta(x)^* & d(x) \end{pmatrix} \quad (a(x), d(x) \in k, \beta(x) \in k'), \quad (2.4)$$

such that  $\det(D(x)) = 0$  and  $\text{Tr}(\beta(x)) = -f_{n-1}(x)$ , where  $\text{Tr}$  is the trace  $\text{Tr}_{k'/k}$ .

For  $A \in \mathcal{H}_2$  and  $s \in \mathbb{C}$ , we define

$$\zeta_{K_1}(A; s) = \int_{K_1} |d_1(h \cdot A)|^{s-\frac{1}{2}} dh,$$

where  $dh$  is the normalized Haar measure on  $K_1$ , which is absolutely convergent if  $\text{Re}(s) \geq \frac{1}{2}$  and continued to the whole  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then we obtain

**Lemma 2.4** Assume  $x \in \mathfrak{X}_T^{\text{op}}$  and  $D(x)$  is given by (2.3). Set  $m = \min\{v_\pi(a(x)), v_\pi(d(x))\}$  and  $t = v_\pi(\beta(x)) - m$  for the expression of  $D(x)$  as in (2.4). Then  $t \geq 0$  and

$$\zeta_{K_1}(D(x); s) = \frac{q^{\frac{m}{2}}}{1+q^{-1}} \cdot |f_{n-1}(x)|^s \cdot \frac{q^{(t+1)s}(1-q^{-2s-1}) - q^{-(t+1)s}(1-q^{2s-1})}{q^s - q^{-s}}.$$

In particular, one has the functional equation

$$\zeta_{K_1}(D(x); s) = |f_{n-1}(x)|^{2s} \cdot \zeta_{K_1}(D(x); -s). \quad (2.5)$$

We give a sketch of a proof of Theorem 2.1. By the embedding

$$K_1 \longrightarrow K = K_n, \quad h = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \longmapsto \tilde{h} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} 1_{n-1} & \\ \hline a & b \\ \hline c & d \end{array} \right),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_T(x; s) &= \int_{K_1} dh \int_K |f(kx)|^{s+\varepsilon} dk \\ &= \int_K \chi_\pi \left( \prod_{i < n} f_i(kx) \right) \prod_{i < n} |f_i(kx)|^{s_i-1} \zeta_{K_1}(D(kx); s_n + \frac{\pi\sqrt{-1}}{\log q}) dk. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.4, we see

$$\omega_T(x; s) = \omega_T(x; s_1, \dots, s_{n-2}, s_{n-1} + 2s_n, -s_n),$$

and, in variable  $z$ , we have

$$\omega_T(x; z) = \omega_T(x; \tau(z)), \quad \tau(z) = (z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}, -z_n).$$

■

**2.2.** In order to describe functional equations of  $\omega_T(x; z)$  with respect to  $W$ , we prepare some notations. We denote by  $\Sigma$  the set of roots of  $G$  with respect to the  $k$ -split torus of  $G$  contained in  $B$  and by  $\Sigma^+$  the set of positive roots with respect to  $B$ . We may understand  $\Sigma$  as a subset in  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ , and set

$$\Sigma^+ = \Sigma_s^+ \cup \Sigma_\ell^+, \quad \Sigma_s^+ = \{e_i - e_j, e_i + e_j \mid 1 \leq i < j \leq n\}, \quad \Sigma_\ell^+ = \{2e_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\},$$

where  $e_i$  is the  $i$ -th unit vector in  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . The set

$$\Delta = \{\tau_i = (i \ i+1) \in S_n \mid 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{\tau\},$$

is associated with the set of simple roots and generates  $W$ . For each  $\sigma \in W$ , we set

$$\Sigma_s^+(\sigma) = \{\alpha \in \Sigma_s^+ \mid -\sigma(\alpha) \in \Sigma^+\}.$$

The pairing on  $\mathbb{Z}^n \times \mathbb{C}^n$

$$\langle t, z \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n t_i z_i, \quad (t \in \mathbb{Z}^n, z \in \mathbb{C}^n),$$

is  $W$ -invariant on  $\Sigma \times \mathbb{C}^n$ , i.e.,

$$\langle \alpha, z \rangle = \langle \sigma(\alpha), \sigma(z) \rangle, \quad (\alpha \in \Sigma, z \in \mathbb{C}^n, \sigma \in W). \quad (2.6)$$

**Theorem 2.5** *For  $T \in \mathcal{H}_n^{nd}$  and  $\sigma \in W$ , the spherical function  $\omega_T(x; z)$  satisfies the following functional equation*

$$\omega_T(x; z) = \Gamma_\sigma(z) \cdot \omega_T(x; \sigma(z)), \quad (2.7)$$

where

$$\Gamma_\sigma(z) = \prod_{\alpha \in \Sigma_s^+(\sigma)} \frac{1 - q^{\langle \alpha, z \rangle - 1}}{q^{\langle \alpha, z \rangle} - q^{-1}}.$$

*In particular, the Gamma factor  $\Gamma_\sigma(z)$  does not depend on  $x$  nor  $T$ .*

*Outline of a proof.* We determine  $\Gamma_\sigma(z)$  by the equation (2.7), which is a rational function of  $q^{z_1}, \dots, q^{z_n}$ . We set for  $\alpha \in \Sigma$  and  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$

$$f_\alpha(\langle \alpha, z \rangle) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \alpha = \pm 2e_i, (1 \leq i \leq n) \\ \frac{1 - q^{\langle \alpha, z \rangle - 1}}{q^{\langle \alpha, z \rangle} - q^{-1}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We see  $\Gamma_\sigma(z)$  for  $\sigma \in \Delta$  by (1.13) and Theorem 2.1. For general  $\sigma \in W$ , we obtain the result by cocycle relations of  $\Gamma_\sigma(z)$  and  $W$ -invariance of the inner product (2.6). ■

We will use the following explicit value  $\Gamma_\rho(z)$  in §5.

**Corollary 2.6** Set  $\rho \in W$  by

$$\rho(z_1, \dots, z_n) = (-z_n, -z_{n-1}, \dots, -z_1).$$

Then

$$\Gamma_\rho(z) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{1 - q^{z_i + z_j - 1}}{q^{z_i + z_j} - q^{-1}}.$$

**Remark 2.7** The above  $\rho$  gives the functional equation of the hermitian Siegel series (cf. §5), and it is interesting that such  $\rho$  corresponds to the unique automorphism of the extended Dynkin diagram of the root system of type  $(C_n)$ , which was pointed out by Y. Komori.

By Theorem 1.5 and Theorem 2.5, we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.8** Set

$$G(z) = \prod_{\alpha \in \Sigma_+^*} \frac{1 + q^{\langle \alpha, z \rangle}}{1 - q^{\langle \alpha, z \rangle - 1}}.$$

Then, for any  $T \in \mathcal{H}_n^{nd}$ , the function  $G(z) \cdot \omega_T(x; z)$  is holomorphic for all  $z$  in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $W$ -invariant. In particular it is an element in  $\mathbb{C}[q^{\pm z_1}, \dots, q^{\pm z_n}]^W$ .

### §3 Explicit formula for $\omega_T(x; z)$

#### 3.1. Set

$$\Lambda_n^+ = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_n \geq 0 \}, \quad (3.1)$$

and, for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda_n^+$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^\lambda &= \text{Diag}(\pi^{\lambda_1}, \dots, \pi^{\lambda_n}) \in \mathcal{H}_n^{nd}, & x_\lambda &= \begin{pmatrix} \xi \pi^\lambda \\ 1_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{X}_{\pi^\lambda}, \\ \omega_\lambda(x; z) &= \omega_T(x; z) \quad \text{for } T = \pi^\lambda. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

**Theorem 3.1** *For  $\lambda \in \Lambda_n^+$ , one has the following explicit expression:*

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_\lambda(x_\lambda; z) &= \frac{(-1)^{\sum_i \lambda_i(n-i+1)} q^{-\sum_i \lambda_i(n-i+\frac{1}{2})} (1 - q^{-2})^n}{\prod_{i=1}^{2n} (1 - (-q^{-1})^i)} \times \frac{1}{G(z)} \times \sum_{\sigma \in W} q^{-\langle \lambda, \sigma(z) \rangle} H(\sigma(z)), \end{aligned}$$

where  $G(z)$  is given in Theorem 2.8 and

$$H(z) = \prod_{\alpha \in \Sigma_s^+} \frac{1 + q^{\langle \alpha, z \rangle - 1}}{1 - q^{\langle \alpha, z \rangle}} \prod_{\alpha \in \Sigma_t^+} \frac{1 - q^{\langle \alpha, z \rangle - 1}}{1 - q^{\langle \alpha, z \rangle}}.$$

**Remark 3.2** By Theorem 2.8, the main part

$$H_\lambda(z) = \sum_{\sigma \in W} \sigma(q^{-\langle \lambda, z \rangle} H(z)) = \sum_{\sigma \in W} q^{-\langle \lambda, \sigma(z) \rangle} H(\sigma(z))$$

of  $\omega_\lambda(x_\lambda; z)$  belongs to  $\mathbb{C}[q^{\pm z_1}, \dots, q^{\pm z_n}]^W$ . Further we see in a standard way that the set  $\{H_\lambda(z) \mid \lambda \in \Lambda_n^+\}$  forms its  $\mathbb{C}$ -basis. On the other hand,  $H_\lambda(z)$  is a special case of  $P_\lambda$  (up to a scalar factor) introduced by Macdonald [Mac] §10 in a generous context of orthogonal polynomials associated with root systems.

We will prove the above theorem by using a general expression formula (Theorem 2.6 in [H4], or in [H2]) of spherical functions on homogeneous spaces, which is based on functional equations of finer spherical functions and some data depending only on the group  $G$ . We explain about the proof in the next subsection.

By Theorem 3.1 and Proposition 1.4, we may have the explicit formula of  $\omega_T(x; s)$  at many points. For  $T \in \mathcal{H}_n^{nd}$  and  $\lambda \in \Lambda_n^+$ , it is known that  $T$  and  $\pi^\lambda$  belong to the same  $GL_n(k')$ -orbit in  $\mathcal{H}_n^{nd}$  if and only if

$$v_\pi(\det(T)) \equiv |\lambda| \pmod{2},$$

where  $|\lambda| = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$ . Thus we obtain

**Theorem 3.3** *Let  $T \in \mathcal{H}_n^{nd}$  and  $\lambda \in \Lambda_n^+$  and assume that  $v_\pi(\det(T)) \equiv |\lambda| \pmod{2}$ . Taking  $h_\lambda \in GL_n(k')$  for which  $\pi^\lambda[h_\lambda] = T$ , one has  $x_\lambda h_\lambda \in \mathfrak{X}_T$  and*

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_T(x_\lambda h_\lambda; z) &= \omega_\lambda(x_\lambda; z) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{\sum_i \lambda_i(n-i+1)} q^{-\sum_i \lambda_i(n-i+\frac{1}{2})} (1-q^{-2})^n}{\prod_{i=1}^{2n} (1-(-q^{-1})^i)} \cdot \frac{1}{G(z)} \cdot \sum_{\sigma \in W} \sigma(q^{-\langle \lambda, z \rangle} H(z)). \end{aligned}$$

Further, each such a  $\lambda$  gives a different  $K$ -orbit

$$Kx_\lambda h_\lambda U(T) \text{ in } K \backslash X_T \left( = K \backslash \mathfrak{X}_T / U(T) \right).$$

**3.2.** In order to apply Theorem 2.6 in [H4], we need to check the assumptions there. Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a connected reductive linear algebraic group and  $\mathbb{X}$  be an affine algebraic variety which is  $\mathbb{G}$ -homogeneous, where everything is assumed to be defined over a  $p$ -adic field  $k$ . For an algebraic set, we use the same ordinary letter to indicate the set of  $k$ -rational points. Let  $K$  be a maximal compact open subgroup of  $G$ , and  $\mathbb{B}$  a minimal parabolic subgroup of  $\mathbb{G}$  defined over  $k$  satisfying  $G = KB = BK$ . We denote by  $\mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{B})$  the group of rational character of  $\mathbb{B}$  defined over  $k$  and by  $\mathfrak{X}_0(\mathbb{B})$  the subgroup consisting of those characters associated with some relative  $\mathbb{B}$ -invariant on  $\mathbb{X}$  defined over  $k$ . In these situation, the assumptions are the following:

(A1)  $\mathbb{X}$  has only a finite number of  $\mathbb{B}$ -orbits.

(A2) A basic set of relative  $\mathbb{B}$ -invariants on  $\mathbb{X}$  defined over  $k$  can be taken by regular functions on  $\mathbb{X}$ .

(A3) For  $y \in \mathbb{X}$  not contained in the open orbit, there exists some  $\psi$  in  $\mathfrak{X}_0(\mathbb{B})$  whose restriction to the identity component of the stabilizer  $\mathbb{H}_y$  of  $\mathbb{G}$  at  $y$  is not trivial.

(A4) The rank of  $\mathfrak{X}_0(\mathbb{B})$  coincides with that of  $\mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{B})$ .

In the present situation, as is noted in Remark 1.2, we may understand  $\mathbb{G} = U(H_n)$  defined over  $k$ ,  $G = \mathbb{G}(k)$ ,  $B = \mathbb{B}(k)$  for the Borel subgroup defined over  $k$ , and  $X = X_T$  as the set of  $k$ -rational points of the affine algebraic variety  $\mathbb{X} = \mathfrak{X}_T / U(T)$ , and we recall that relative invariants  $f_{T,i}(x)$  and the spherical function  $\omega_T(x; s)$  can be regarded as functions on  $X_T$ .

It is easy to see the present  $(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{B})$  satisfies the conditions (A1), (A2) and (A4) (cf. Lemma 1.1, (1.4) and (1.5)), in particular, the unique Zariski open  $\mathbb{B}$ -orbit is given by  $\mathbb{X}^{op} = \{x \in \mathbb{X} \mid f_{T,i}(x) \neq 0, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  (cf. (1.6)).

First we give an outline of a proof of Theorem 3.1, admitting the condition (A3). By Theorem 2.5, we obtain vector-wise functional equations for finer spherical functions  $\omega_{T,u}(x; z)$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{U} = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^{n-1}$  (cf. (1.12))

$$(\omega_{T,u}(x; z))_{u \in \mathcal{U}} = A^{-1} \cdot G(\sigma, z) \cdot \sigma A \cdot (\omega_{T,u}(x; \sigma(z)))_{u \in \mathcal{U}}, \quad \sigma \in W, \quad (3.3)$$

where

$$A = (\chi(u))_{\chi, u}, \quad \sigma A = (\sigma(\chi)(u))_{\chi, u} \in GL_{2^{n-1}}(\mathbb{Z}),$$

$\chi$  runs over characters of  $\mathcal{U}$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{U}$ , and  $G(\sigma, z)$  is the diagonal matrix of size  $2^{n-1}$  whose  $(\chi, \chi)$ -component is  $\Gamma_\sigma(z_\chi)$ . Here  $\Gamma_\sigma(z)$  is given in Theorem 2.5 and  $z_\chi$  is determined by the identity

$$\sum_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \chi(u) \omega_{T,u}(x; z) = \omega_T(x; z_\chi).$$

We denote by  $U$  the Iwahori subgroup of  $K$  compatible with  $B$ , take the normalized Haar measure  $du$  on  $U$ , and set

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_u(x_\lambda, z) &= \int_U |f_T(ux_\lambda)|_u^{s+\varepsilon} du \\ &= \begin{cases} (-1)^{\sum_i \lambda_i(n-i+1)} q^{-\sum_i \lambda_i(n-i+\frac{1}{2})} q^{-\langle \lambda, z \rangle} & \text{if } x_\lambda \in \mathfrak{X}_{T,u} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Applying Theorem 2.6 in [H4] to our present case, we obtain

$$(\omega_{T,u}(x_\lambda; z))_{u \in \mathcal{U}} = \frac{1}{Q} \sum_{\sigma \in W} \gamma(\sigma(z)) (A^{-1} \cdot G(\sigma, z) \cdot \sigma A) (\delta_u(x_\lambda, \sigma(z)))_{u \in \mathcal{U}}, \quad (3.4)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \sum_{\sigma \in W} [U\sigma U : U]^{-1} = \prod_{i=1}^{2n} (1 - (-1)^i q^{-i}) / (1 - q^{-2})^n, \\ \gamma(z) &= \prod_{\alpha \in \Sigma_s^+} \frac{1 - q^{2\langle \alpha, z \rangle - 2}}{1 - q^{2\langle \alpha, z \rangle}} \cdot \prod_{\alpha \in \Sigma_t^+} \frac{1 - q^{\langle \alpha, z \rangle - 1}}{1 - q^{\langle \alpha, z \rangle}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\omega_T(x_\lambda; z) = \sum_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \mathbf{1}(u) \omega_u(x_\lambda; z)$ , we obtain the explicit formula for  $\omega_\lambda(x_\lambda; z)$  from (3.4).  $\blacksquare$

Now we explain about the condition (A3). We consider the action of  $G \times U(T)$  on  $\mathfrak{X}_T$  by  $(g, h) \circ x = gxh^{-1}$ . Then, the stabilizer  $B_y$  of  $B$  at  $yU(T) \in X_T$  coincides with the image  $B_{(y)}$  of the projection to  $B$  of the stabilizer  $(B \times U(T))_y$  at  $y \in \mathfrak{X}_T$  to  $B$ . Hence, in our case, the condition (A3) is equivalent to the following:

(C) : For each  $y \in \mathfrak{X}_T$  not contained in  $\mathfrak{X}_T^{\text{op}}$ , there exists  $\psi \in \mathfrak{X}(\mathbb{B})$  whose restriction to the identity component of  $B_{(y)}$  is not trivial.

It suffices to prove the condition (A3) (or (C)) over the algebraic closure  $\bar{k}$  of  $k$ , hence we may assume that  $T = 1_n$ ; for simplicity of notation, we write  $f_i(x)$  instead of  $f_{T,i}(x)$ . Until the end of this subsection, we consider algebraic sets over  $\bar{k}$ , extend the involution  $*$  on  $k'$  to  $\bar{k}$ , indicate it by  $-$ , and write  $\bar{x} = (\bar{x}_{ij}) \in M_{\ell m}(\bar{k})$  for  $x = (x_{ij}) \in M_{\ell m}(k')$ .

Then, our situation is the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{X} &= \mathfrak{X}_{1_n} = \{x \in M_{2n,n} \mid H_n[x] = 1_n\}, \\ (U(H_n) \times U(1_n)) \times \mathfrak{X} &\longrightarrow \mathfrak{X}, \quad ((g, h), x) \longmapsto (g, h) \circ x = gxh^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

and  $B$  is the Borel subgroup of  $U(H_n)$  (as in (1.3)). We introduce a  $(GL_{2n} \times GL_n)$ -set  $\tilde{\mathfrak{X}}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathfrak{X}} &= \{ (x, y) \in M_{2n,n} \oplus M_{2n,n} \mid {}^t y H_n x = 1_n \} \\ (g, h) \star (x, y) &= (gxh^{-1}, \dot{g}y^t h), \quad ((g, h) \in GL_{2n} \times G_n, \dot{g} = H_n {}^t g^{-1} H_n), \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

and we write an element of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{X}}$  as  $(x, y) = \left( \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$  with  $x_i, y_i \in M_n$ . We take the Borel subgroup  $P$  of  $GL_{2n}$  by

$$P = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} p & r \\ 0 & q \end{pmatrix} \in GL_{2n} \mid p, {}^t q \in B_n, r \in M_n \right\},$$

where  $B_n$  is the Borel subgroup of  $GL_n$  consisting of the upper triangular matrices. The involution  $g \mapsto \dot{g} = H_n {}^t g^{-1} H_n$  on  $GL_{2n}$  induces an involution on  $P$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} p & r \\ 0 & q \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} {}^t q^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1_n & -{}^t r \\ 0 & 1_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1_n & 0 \\ 0 & {}^t p^{-1} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.6)$$

The embedding  $\iota : \mathfrak{X} \hookrightarrow \tilde{\mathfrak{X}}, x \mapsto (x, \bar{x})$  is compatible with action, i.e., we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} (U(H_n) \times U(1_n)) & \times & \mathfrak{X} & \xrightarrow{\circ} & \mathfrak{X} \\ \downarrow \text{incl.} & & \downarrow \iota & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \iota \\ (GL_{2n} \times GL_n) & \times & \tilde{\mathfrak{X}} & \xrightarrow{\star} & \tilde{\mathfrak{X}}. \end{array}$$

For  $(x, y) \in \tilde{\mathfrak{X}}$  and  $p \in P$ , set

$$\tilde{f}_i(x, y) = d_i(x_2 {}^t y_2), \quad \tilde{\psi}_i(p) = \prod_{1 \leq j \leq i} p_j^{-1} p_{n+j}, \quad (1 \leq i \leq n), \quad (3.7)$$

where  $p_j$  is the  $j$ -th diagonal component of  $p$ . Then  $\tilde{f}_i(x, y)$ 's are basic relative  $P$ -invariants on  $\tilde{\mathfrak{X}}$  associated with characters  $\tilde{\psi}_i$ ,  $\tilde{f}_i(x, \bar{x}) = f_i(x)$  for  $x \in \mathfrak{X}$ , and  $\tilde{\psi}_i|_B = \psi_i$ . We set

$$\mathcal{S} = \left\{ (x, y) \in \tilde{\mathfrak{X}} \cap (P \times GL_n) \star \mathfrak{X} \mid \prod_{i=1}^n \tilde{f}_i(x, y) = 0 \right\}.$$

For  $\alpha = (x, y) \in \tilde{\mathfrak{X}}$ , we denote by  $H_\alpha$  the stabilizer of  $P \times GL_n$  at  $\alpha$ , and by  $P_\alpha$  the identity component of the image of  $H_\alpha$  by the projection to  $P$ . In order to prove the condition (C), it is sufficient to show the following:

( $\tilde{C}$ ) : For each  $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}$ , there exists some  $\psi \in \langle \tilde{\psi}_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n \rangle$  whose restriction to  $P_\alpha$  is not trivial.

We have only to consider ( $\tilde{C}$ ) for representatives under the action of  $P \times GL_n$ . In the following we consider the case  $n \geq 2$ , since  $\mathfrak{X}_T = \mathfrak{X}_T^{\text{op}}$  for  $n = 1$  and there is nothing to prove. We denote by  $\delta_i(a) \in GL_n$  the diagonal matrix whose  $j$ -th entry is 1 except the  $i$ -th which is  $a \in GL_1$ . We show ( $\tilde{C}$ ) according to the type of  $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}$ .

The case  $\alpha = (x, y) \in \mathcal{S}$  with  $\det(x_2) \neq 0$ : Under  $(P \times GL_n)$ -action, we may assume that

$$\alpha = \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1_n \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1_n \\ h \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

where  $h = 1_r \perp h_1$ ,  $0 \leq r < n$ , and  $h_1$  is a hermitian matrix such that

the first row and column are zero, or  
for some  $i$ ,  $(1 < i \leq n - r)$ , each entry in the first row and column or in the  $i$ -th row and column is 0 except at  $(1, i)$  or  $(i, 1)$  which are 1.

Then  $H_\alpha$  contains the following elements, according to the above type of  $h_1$ ,

$$\left( \left( \frac{\delta_{r+1}(a)}{1_n} \right), 1_n \right) \quad \text{or} \quad \left( \left( \frac{\delta_{r+1}(a)}{\delta_{r+i}(a)} \right), \delta_{r+i}(a) \right) \quad (a \in GL_1),$$

and we see  $\tilde{\psi}_{r+1} \not\equiv 1$  on  $P_\alpha$ .

The case  $\alpha = (x, y) \in \mathcal{S}$  with  $\det(y_2) \neq 0$  is reduced to the case  $\det(x_2) \neq 0$ .

The remaining case is  $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}$  with  $\det(x_2) = \det(y_2) = 0$ . We set  $J(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_t)$  the matrix of size  $n \times t$  such that  $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_t \leq n$  and whose  $(i_j, j)$ -entry is 1,  $1 \leq j \leq t$ , and all the other entries are 0.

Under  $(P \times GL_n)$ -action, we may assume that

$$\alpha = \left( \left( \frac{0}{J_2} \middle| \frac{J_1}{0} \right), \left( \frac{z_1}{z_2} \middle| \frac{0}{z_3} \right) \right), \quad (J_1, z_3 \in M_{n\ell}, J_2, z_1, z_2 \in M_{nk}),$$

where

$$J_1 = J(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_\ell), \quad J_2 = J(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k), \quad 1 \leq \ell, k < n, \quad \ell + k = n,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{the } e_j\text{-th row of } z_1 \text{ is the same as in } J_2 \text{ and } (i, j)\text{-entry is 0 if } i < e_j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq k, \\ &\text{the } r_j\text{-th row of } z_2 \text{ is 0, } \quad 1 \leq j \leq \ell, \\ &\text{the } r_j\text{-th row of } z_3 \text{ is the same as in } J_1 \text{ and } (i, j)\text{-entry is 0 if } i > r_j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq \ell. \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

We see, for any  $a \in GL_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( \left( \frac{1_n}{0} \middle| \frac{0}{\delta_1(a)} \right), 1_n \right) \in H_\alpha \quad \text{if } e_1 > 1, \\ &\left( \left( \frac{\delta_1(a)}{0} \middle| \frac{0}{1_n} \right), \delta_{k+1}(a) \right) \in H_\alpha \quad \text{if } r_1 = 1, \\ &\left( \left( \frac{a1_n}{0} \middle| \frac{0}{1_n} \right), a1_n \right) \in H_\alpha \quad \text{if } z_2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

If  $e_1 = 1, r_1 > 1$  and  $z_2 \neq 0$ , we modify  $z_i$ -part of  $\alpha$  to satisfy not only (3.8) but also the following

if the  $i$ -th row of  $z_2$  is nonzero, then the  $i$ -th row of  $z_3$  is 0,



and we still call it  $\alpha$ . Then  $H_\alpha$  contains the following  $(A_1, A_2)$  for any  $a \in GL_1$

$$A_1 = \text{Diag}(a_1, \dots, a_n) \perp 1_n, \quad a_i = \begin{cases} a & \text{if the } i\text{-th row of } z_2 \text{ is } 0 \\ 1 & \text{if the } i\text{-th row of } z_2 \text{ is not } 0, \end{cases}$$

$$A_2 = 1_k \perp a 1_\ell.$$

Hence  $\tilde{\psi}_n \neq 1$  on  $P_\alpha$  for  $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}$  with  $\det(x_2) = \det(y_2) = 0$ . ■

Thus we have shown the condition  $(\tilde{C})$  is satisfied for every  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{S}$ , which shows that our  $(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{B})$  satisfies the condition (A3) and Theorem 3.1 is established.

## §4 Spherical Fourier transform on $\mathcal{S}(K \backslash X_T)$

We consider the space  $\mathcal{S}(K \backslash X_T)$  consisting of functions in  $C^\infty(K \backslash \mathfrak{X}_T / U(T))$  compactly supported modulo  $U(T)$ , which is an  $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$ -submodule (cf. (1.8)). We define the spherical Fourier transform  $F_T$  on  $\mathcal{S}(K \backslash X_T)$  as follows

$$F_T : \mathcal{S}(K \backslash X_T) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}(q^{z_1}, \dots, q^{z_n}),$$

$$\xi \longmapsto F_T(\xi)(z) = \hat{\xi}_T(z) = \int_X \xi(x) \Psi_T(x; z) dx, \quad (4.1)$$

where  $\Psi_T(x; z) = G(z) \cdot \omega_T(x; z)$  and  $dx$  is the  $G$ -invariant measure on  $X$ . By Theorem 2.8, we see the image of  $F_T$  is contained in

$$\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{C}[q^{\pm z_1}, \dots, q^{\pm z_n}]^W.$$

We decompose  $\mathcal{R}$  as follows

$$\mathcal{R} = \bigoplus_{\mathbf{e} \in \{0,1\}^n} s_1^{e_1} \cdots s_n^{e_n} \mathcal{R}_0,$$

where

$$\mathcal{R}_0 = \mathbb{C}[q^{\pm 2z_1}, \dots, q^{\pm 2z_n}]^W = \mathbb{C}[q^{2z_1} + q^{-2z_1}, \dots, q^{2z_n} + q^{-2z_n}]^{S_n},$$

and  $s_i = s_i(z)$  is the  $i$ -th fundamental symmetric polynomial of  $\{q^{z_j} + q^{-z_j} \mid 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ ;  $\mathcal{R}$  is a free  $\mathcal{R}_0$ -module of rank  $2^n$ . We set

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{even}} = \bigoplus_{\mathbf{e}:\text{even}} s_1^{e_1} \cdots s_n^{e_n} \mathcal{R}_0, \quad \mathcal{R}_{\text{odd}} = \bigoplus_{\mathbf{e}:\text{odd}} s_1^{e_1} \cdots s_n^{e_n} \mathcal{R}_0,$$

where  $\mathbf{e} \in \{0,1\}^n$  is even (resp. odd) if  $\sum_{i=1}^n i e_i$  is even (resp. odd), and for each  $T \in \mathcal{H}_n^{\text{nd}}$ , and define

$$\mathcal{R}_{\langle T \rangle}$$

to be  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{even}}$  or  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{odd}}$  according to the parity of  $v_\pi(\det(T))$ .

**Theorem 4.1** For each  $T \in \mathcal{H}_n^{nd}$ , one has a surjective  $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$ -module homomorphism

$$F_T : \mathcal{S}(K \backslash X_T) \longrightarrow \mathcal{R}_{\langle T \rangle},$$

and a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{H}(G, K) & \times & \mathcal{S}(K \backslash X_T) & \xrightarrow{*} & \mathcal{S}(K \backslash X_T) \\ \downarrow \wr & & \downarrow F_T & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow F_T \\ \mathcal{R}_0 & \times & \mathcal{R}_{\langle T \rangle} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{R}_{\langle T \rangle}, \end{array} \quad (4.2)$$

where the upper horizontal arrow is given by the action of  $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$  on  $\mathcal{S}(K \backslash X_T)$ , the left end vertical isomorphism is given by Satake isomorphism (1.11)

$$\mathcal{H}(G, K) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{R}_0, \quad \phi \longmapsto \lambda_z(\check{\phi}), \quad (\check{\phi}(g) = \phi(g^{-1})),$$

and the lower horizontal arrow is given by the ordinal multiplication in  $\mathcal{R}$ .

*Outline of a proof.* For  $\phi \in \mathcal{H}(G, K)$  and  $\xi \in \mathcal{S}(K \backslash X_T)$ , it is easy to see

$$F_T(\phi * \xi)(z) = \lambda_z(\check{\phi}) F_T(\xi)(z).$$

We may expand  $\omega_T(x; z)$  in a region of absolute convergence of the integral (1.7)

$$\omega_T(x; z) = \sum_{\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^n} a_\mu q^{\langle \mu, z \rangle},$$

where  $a_\mu = 0$  unless  $|\mu| (= \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i) \equiv v_\pi(\det(T)) \pmod{2}$ . Further we may expand  $G(z)$  also in terms  $q^{\langle \nu, z \rangle}$  with  $|\nu|$  is even. Hence we see that  $\text{Im}(F_T) \subset \mathcal{R}_{\langle T \rangle}$ . On the other hand, by Remark 3.2 and Theorem 3.3 we see

$$\text{Im}(F_T) \supset \{ H_\lambda(z) \mid \lambda \in \Lambda_n^+, |\lambda| \equiv v_\pi(\det(T)) \pmod{2} \},$$

and the image of  $F_T$  coincides with  $\mathcal{R}_{\langle T \rangle}$ . ■

**Remark 4.2** We expect that the spherical Fourier transform  $F_T$  is injective, which is equivalent to the identity

$$\mathfrak{X}_T = \bigcup_{\substack{\lambda \in \Lambda_n^+ \\ |\lambda| \equiv v_\pi(\det(T)) \pmod{2}}} K x_\lambda h_\lambda U(T), \quad (4.3)$$

where disjointness in the right hand side is known by Theorem 3.3. If it is true, then  $\mathcal{S}(K \backslash X_T)$  would be a free  $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$ -module of rank  $2^{n-1}$  and the set  $\{ \Psi_T(x; z + \tilde{u}) \mid u \in \mathcal{U} \}$  would form a basis of spherical functions on  $X_T$  corresponding to  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$  through  $\lambda_z$  (cf. Proposition 1.3). This is true when  $n = 1$  by Proposition 2.1, and we have the following.

**Proposition 4.3** *Assume  $n = 1$ . Then the spherical transform  $F_T$  is injective and  $\mathcal{S}(K \backslash X_T)$  is a free  $\mathcal{H}(G, K)$ -module of rank 1, in fact the image coincides with*

$$\mathbb{C}[q^{2z} + q^{-2z}] \text{ if } v_\pi(T) \text{ is even, } (q^z + q^{-z})\mathbb{C}[q^{2z} + q^{-2z}] \text{ if } v_\pi(T) \text{ is odd.}$$

*Any spherical function on  $X_T$  corresponding to  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  through  $\lambda_z$  is a constant multiple of  $\omega_T(x; z)$ .*

## §5 Hermitian Siegel series

We recall  $p$ -adic hermitian Siegel series, and give those integral representation and a new proof of the functional equation as an application of spherical functions.

Let  $\psi$  be an additive character of  $k$  of conductor  $\mathcal{O}_k$ . For  $T \in \mathcal{H}_n(k')$ , the hermitian Siegel series  $b_\pi(T; s)$  is defined by

$$b_\pi(T; t) = \int_{\mathcal{H}_n(k')} \nu_\pi(R)^{-t} \psi(\text{tr}(TR)) dR, \quad (5.1)$$

where  $\text{tr}(\ )$  is the trace of matrix and  $\nu_\pi(R)$  is defined as follows: if the elementary divisors of  $R$  with negative  $\pi$ -powers are  $\pi^{-e_1}, \dots, \pi^{-e_r}$ , then  $\nu_\pi(R) = q^{e_1 + \dots + e_r}$ , and  $\nu_\pi(R) = 1$  otherwise (cf. [Sh]-§13). The right hand side of (5.1) is absolutely convergent if  $\text{Re}(t)$  is sufficiently large.

In the following we assume that  $T$  is nondegenerate, since the properties of  $b_\pi(T; t)$  can be reduced to the nondegenerate case. We give an integral expression of  $b_\pi(T; t)$  in a similar argument for Siegel series in [HS]-§2. We recall the set  $\mathfrak{X}_T$  for  $T \in \mathcal{H}_n^{nd}$  and take the measure  $|\Theta_T|$  on it simultaneously as the fibre space of  $T$  by the polynomial map  $M_{2n,n}(k') \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_n(k')$ ,  $x \longmapsto H_n[x]$ .

**Theorem 5.1** *If  $\text{Re}(t) > 2n$ , we have*

$$b_\pi(T; t) = \zeta_n(k'; \frac{t}{2})^{-1} \times \int_{\mathfrak{X}_T(\mathcal{O}_{k'})} |N(\det(x_2))|^{\frac{t}{2}-n} |\Theta_T|(x),$$

where  $\zeta_n(k'; t)$  is the zeta function of the matrix algebra  $M_n(k')$

$$\zeta(k'; t) = \int_{M_n(\mathcal{O}_{k'})} |\det(x)|_{k'}^{t-n} dx = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1 - q^{-2i}}{1 - q^{-2(t-i+1)}},$$

and

$$\mathfrak{X}_T(\mathcal{O}_{k'}) = \{x \in M_{2n,n}(\mathcal{O}_{k'}) \mid H_n[x] = T\},$$

Since  $\mathfrak{X}_T(\mathcal{O}_{k'})$  is compact, we obtain

**Proposition 5.2** Denote the  $K$ -orbit decomposition of  $\mathfrak{X}_T(\mathcal{O}_{k'})$  as

$$\mathfrak{X}_T(\mathcal{O}_{k'}) = \sqcup_{i=1}^r Kx_i.$$

Then one has

$$b_\pi(T; t) = \zeta_n(k'; \frac{t}{2})^{-1} |\det(T)|^{\frac{t}{2}-n} \times \sum_{i=1}^r c_i \cdot \omega_T(x_i; s_t),$$

where  $c_i$  is the volume of  $Kx_i$  and

$$s_t = (1, \dots, 1, \frac{t}{2} - n + \frac{1}{2}) + (\frac{\pi\sqrt{-1}}{\log q}, \dots, \frac{\pi\sqrt{-1}}{\log q}) \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

Then, by Corollary 2.6, we obtain the functional equation of  $b_\pi(T; t)$ .

**Theorem 5.3** For any  $T \in \mathcal{H}_n^{nd}$ , one has

$$b_\pi(T; t) = \chi_\pi(\det(T))^{n-1} |\det(T)|^{t-n} \times \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{1 - (-1)^i q^{-t+i}}{1 - (-1)^i q^{-(2n-t)+i}} \times b_\pi(T; 2n - t),$$

where  $\chi_\pi(a) = (-1)^{v_\pi(a)}$  for  $a \in k^\times$ .

**Remark 5.4** The above functional equation is related to an element of the Weyl group of  $U(H_n)$ , which is not the case for Siegel series when  $n$  is odd. In [HS], even  $n$  is odd, we needed some harmonic analysis on  $O(H_n)$  to establish the functional equation.

The existence of the functional equation of  $b_\pi(T; t)$  was known in an abstract form as functional equations of Whittaker functions of  $p$ -adic groups by Karel [Kr]. Recently Ikeda [Ik] has given explicit functional equations on the basis of the results of Kudla-Sweet [KS] for all quadratic extensions over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  containing split cases. There is an error in the range of  $i$  in the definition of  $t_p(K/\mathbb{Q}; X)$  in [Ik] p.1112, and it is better to refer the original  $f_\zeta(t)$  in [Sh] Theorem 13.6; if  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  is unramified at  $p$ ,  $t_p(K/\mathbb{Q}; X)$  is the product of  $1 - (-p)^i X$  from  $i = 0$  to  $n - 1$ , and coincides with our case by taking  $X = p^{-t}$ .

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